

WAS IT A RAKEOFF

That Induced the School Fund Commissioners

TO BUY WICHITA COUNTY BONDS

To the Amount of \$35,000 Paying 100 Cents on the Dollar When They Are Worth Only 85 Cents?

The Kansas state school fund commissioners are responsible for another bond deal which looks very shady and which was in direct violation of the law. It looks as if some member or members of the board are concerned in a transaction which suggests dark dealing in the use of the state's money.

After the purchase of fraudulent bonds last spring, the men who constitute the commission, Attorney General Little, Secretary of State Osborn and Superintendent Gaines have been very careful and several times, a leading financier who offered bonds of western Kansas counties for sale was told by the commissioners that they did not purchase the bonds of any counties west of Barton.

In spite of this fact the commissioners on October 13 bought \$35,000 of the refunding bonds of Wichita county which lie in the middle of the state north and south and second from the Colorado line, and that at a price when the law explicitly forbids such a purchase. The bonds would not be worth over 85 cents on the dollar in any market.

The law provides that the school fund commissioners shall not purchase bonds when the amount of the bonds will exceed 10 per cent of the assessed valuation.

The last state treasurer's report shows that the valuation of the county is \$750,000, and the indebtedness shown by two last auditor's reports is \$141,219.91. The indebtedness is consequently almost 20 per cent of the assessed valuation, far beyond the limit allowed by law within which the school fund commissioners may purchase bonds.

It is rumored that State Treasurer Baldwin when he found that the bonds were offered made a vigorous protest against their purchase. The members of the board were determined to buy them, however, and the man who especially urged their purchase was Attorney General Little. The bonds were purchased and were regularly certified to by the auditor, but the warrant for their payment has not yet been drawn on the state treasurer, probably owing to the hostility of the state treasurer to the action of the commissioners. When the warrant is presented he has no alternative but to hand over the money.

Banker P. L. Bunker who handles a great many bonds of all kinds, was asked what the market value of the bonds of Wichita county should be. "They really have no market value outside of the state," said he, "probably owing to the action of the school fund commissioners in refusing to purchase bonds of western counties."

The Journal reporter informed Mr. Bunker that the commissioners had purchased bonds of Wichita county, and he seemed greatly surprised. "Is that true? They can't do it for the law forbids it," he said, "and they have refused to buy them. If they have really purchased those bonds, their conduct is most outrageous. The bonds would be worth about 85 cents on the dollar."

State Superintendent Gaines said: "We bought the bonds because they are a good investment. The state has a money lying idle in the vaults, and a good six per cent investment is a good thing. The bonds are better than four per cent Shawnee county bonds. We are to pay for the bonds, because the state cannot afford to deplete its own resources. But the bonds are bought for less. These same bonds were bargained for by the Republicans, but they did not have the money to pay for them, and they were afterwards withdrawn. I am tired of having people come around here to try to get people to do their duty when they are already sworn to do it."

The law on this point is clear and the commissioners are expressly forbidden to invest in the bonds of any county whose bonded indebtedness exceeds 10 per cent of the assessed valuation.

Section 6,614 of the general statutes is as follows: "all board of commissioners shall have the power and it is hereby made their duty, from time to time to invest any money belonging to the permanent school fund, the state agricultural college, state normal and state university funds, in the bonds of the state of Kansas or of the United States, school district bonds or of any other school districts of the state of Kansas, bridge bonds, house bonds, or in county, township or city refunding bonds of the several counties, townships and cities of the state of Kansas. In making such investment they shall give preference to the bonds of the state of Kansas, school district bonds, and refunding bonds, when the same can be procured most advantageously to the said fund; but they shall not pay for any state, school district or refunding bonds in any case a greater amount than the par value of the same, nor shall they pay for any such bonds any greater sum than the actual market price thereof at the time of purchasing the same. Provided however, that the commissioners shall not invest in any bonds which together with the other outstanding indebtedness shall exceed ten per cent of the assessed valuation of said municipal corporation; and provided further, that all refunding bonds herein provided shall be bonds refunded under the general laws of the state."

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MOST PERFECT MADE.
A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.

A GOOD CAMPAIGNER.

Does He Feed on Time Tables and Long Distance Schedules.

When the Republican State committee make dates for Edward Kelly, which they have been doing for daily meetings through the campaign, they feel sure the appointments will be met regardless of railroad time tables and distances. Mr. Kelly has not disappointed them yet, but he had some lively rustling to do this week. He spoke on Wednesday afternoon at Jewell in the north central part of Kansas. In the evening he drove across the country twenty-two miles to a small station on the Strong City and Superior branch of the Santa Fe, reached the station just in advance of the headlights of the locomotive, and got into Abilene in time to take the Union Pacific train west to Gove county, reached Grainfield yesterday morning, drove thirteen miles to Gove City, spoke there to a big meeting in the afternoon, drove back to the train and was one of the first people on the streets of Topeka today, ready to speak in Sumner county tomorrow and looking although he had returned from a week's vacation.

WILLARD WON'T QUIT.

O'Neil Would Not Like the Second District Populist Don't Like the Scheme.

A scheme to withdraw two candidates for congress, Willard, Populist, in the Second district and O'Neil, Democrat, in the Fourth district, has fallen through. The Democrats had consented to withdraw O'Neil if Willard would get off the track in favor of Col. Moore. Everything had been arranged and a delegation of Shawnee county Democrats went to Argentine on Wednesday and waited upon Willard. The proposition was laid before him, but he refused absolutely to withdraw from the race. He told the delegation that he expected to be elected and no power on earth could induce him to abandon the campaign.

Fenton a Stalwart Democrat.

A letter has been received from Thomas F. Fenton of Leavenworth in which he says there is no ground for the rumor that he is about to come out for the Populist state ticket. He says that he attended the state convention and helped frame the platform and that he intends to be true to the end.

The Cold Wave Came.

The cold wave prophesied yesterday arrived on schedule time, and although the day was spring-like at noon, it was cold enough to warrant an overcoat by supper time. The lowest point marked by the thermometer last night was 47. At noon the thermometer marked 84 degrees. A light frost fell last night.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

I've a secret in my heart,
Sweet Marie,
A kiss I would impart,
Live to me;
We are getting mighty weary
Of this old world of care,
And we'd like something more cheery,
Sweet and true.

—STATE JOURNAL POST.

Reg-at-r-d-y!

The grand jury will be empaneled in ten days. The chrysanthemum is now the queen of the flowers.

There are five Republican flambeau clubs in Topeka.

Colonel Hughes had his cold wave flag up all day yesterday.

Republican stock is still going up at Capt. Curtis' exchange.

Mayor Harrison will appoint a city engineer early next week.

If you are not registered before 9 o'clock tonight you can't vote.

Councilman James Burgess is sick with inflammation of the bowels.

It takes 2 miles and 3 rods of fence to go around U. S. Gage's house west of town.

A couple of well dressed gamblers have recently taken up their residence in Topeka.

The Topeka Young Men's Christian association will hold its annual meeting tonight.

The dancing season has begun and there will be a very night and sometimes two or three.

The annual meeting of the Topeka Y. W. C. A. will be held this evening at the association rooms.

All the members of the Republican flambeau club can sing. Some better and some not so better.

The wind blew so hard yesterday that nothing but boarding house biscuits kept the people on earth.

There are four extra cars on the Santa Fe sidetracks, the aggregate cost of which is over \$100,000.

You never can tell anything about a band or a speech any more at a demonstration, for the tin horns.

Judge Riner will preside at the session of the United States circuit court to be held in Topeka next month.

Mr. J. J. Corbett will no doubt draw a big house and a noisy one. The talent if not the state will be there.

Senator Martin as a two-horse circus rider, is the latest production on the boards at the Flap exchange.

Mrs. B. Lantry, wife of the Democratic candidate for state treasurer, is seriously ill at her home in Strong City.

Mince pie, the mince of which consists chiefly of apple-sauce, potatoes and state currents, can be obtained at the pie counters.

There is a stretch of mighty bad sidewalk on the east side of Kansas avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets, that should be fixed.

E. H. Funston, the Second district farmer who has been campaigning in the northwestern part of the state, says there is absolutely no doubt about the election of A. H. Ellis in the sixth district.

Some of the members of the old police force are so jealous of John Gardner's popularity as an officer that they would rather see almost any other man succeed Frank Lindsey when the Pops go out. But no other man ever kept the criminal class under like John Gardner.

Secretary R. H. Semple, of the Populist state central committee, still clings to his straw hat, and says he intends to wear it until after election. He has bet a new hat on the result of the election with J. H. Hanson, of Franklin, who won a hat from him two years ago.

Mrs. Leasie's Big Meeting.

Clyde Kan, Oct. 24. Mrs. Leasie addressed 1,200 people in the opera house here last evening, and fully as many more were in town to hear her, but were unable to get in.

AT THE THEATERS.

Farce Comedy and Variety at Both Opera Houses.

There will be two old pieces put on at the Grand opera house next Monday night, "A Cold Day," and "Chip of the Old Block." Both are farce comedies with specialties. The music is said to be good. Both have visited Topeka in previous seasons and both are well known as plays of this sort.

On Tuesday evening there will be a minstrel show, Barlow & Daisson's, many of the members of which were with Primrose & west last year.

On Thursday evening the world's champion pugilist, James J. Corbett, will appear in his play, "Gentleman Jack." There will be a boxing match during the action of the play.

Willie Collier will be here Saturday night in "A Back Number." Collier is one of the rising comedians of the day and has been well received everywhere. His play this year is said to resemble Bol Smith Russell's "Peaceful Valley."

The Kansas Avenue House.

The Dubb Family will begin its three evenings of musical specialties at the Crawford this evening and will close Sunday.

Opening with "The Two Americans" on Monday night the Clarke & Parkinson company will hold the boards at the Crawford all next week. There will be a change of bill every night and the week will be nothing but comedy, at popular prices. They are well spoken of.

TO BET \$10,000.

A Mankato Syndicate Wants to Bet on a Swelling—Friday of Topeka.

Frank Flenniken of the Republican state central committee, received a telegram last evening from a Populist at Mankato stating that a syndicate there was willing to bet anywhere from \$2,000 to \$5,000 on Lewelling, even money.

Mr. Flenniken replied immediately to deposit \$10,000 or any part thereof in any Topeka bank and the Republicans would see that it was fully covered. The Mankato people haven't been heard from since.

OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE.

A Man Registered Over 20 Years Old—No Doubt of His Being Over 21.

Joseph Reed went to the registration office last evening to register old Henry Childers who is said to be 93 years old and looks to be past the century mark. He is so old and feeble that several men had to help him up the stairway at the school house where the registration was being held. Deputy Election Commissioner Frank Whitaker saw him and knew him the first time his friends ever got him to the office.

"Well," he shouted, "you've begun to rob the grave yards, now, have you? You fellows must be getting desperate."

Turned the Revival Out.

The trustees of Moore school house at Wamamaker, three miles west of the city, turned a revival meeting out of the school house in order to hold a Populist meeting last night. The revivalists are indignant. The pastor is J. S. Kirk and his brother has been carrying on the revival for two weeks. Two of the trustees, Alex. McRoberts and Addison Hughes, are Populists. About thirty were present at the meeting. The church people have been indulging in some warm talk today.

LOCAL MENTION.

Hon. David Overmyer will speak in Lukens' opera house, North Topeka, tomorrow evening.

Governor Lewelling has recovered from his illness sufficiently to resume his campaign work and is at Norton today.

Mike Thompson runs a billiard hall and today he refused to pay his license. For that he was arrested and taken to the police station, where he afterwards thought better of it and paying the license was released.

Rev. D. Oberg of the Swedish Baptist church will preach his farewell sermon Sunday evening at the church, corner of Fourth and Fillmore streets. The church will hold a formal farewell meeting Friday evening. Monday Mr. Oberg will leave for Portland, Ore., to take charge of the first Swedish church at that place.

Mrs. Mary Rudrow, wife of J. H. Rudrow of Lawrence, died at that place Wednesday of cancer. She was brought to Topeka and buried at noon yesterday.

Wm. D. Murray died Wednesday at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. M. Ward, all on Quincy street, of paralysis. The funeral took place at 2 p. m. yesterday.

The case of James Fry against the Santa Fe railway for \$15,000 damages came to naught in the district court. Fry was overcom by heat in the boiler room at the shop. Arguments in the case were waived and the jury found a verdict in favor of the defendant (Santa Fe) after being out only a few minutes.

Are Not Democrats.

The Democratic county central committee of Lyon county, has called a meeting for tomorrow for the purpose of denouncing the meeting of Democrats a few days ago, when it was decided to vote for Lewelling. Several visitors at Republican headquarters from Lyon county say the men who managed that meeting and called themselves Democrats, are Populists, and voted for Lewelling two years ago.

C. C. Baker's Lecture.

Illustrated by thirty Stereoscopic views. At First Baptist church, Wednesday evening, October 31st.

A satisfied customer is a permanent one. That's why we recommend De Witt's Early Risers. They cure constipation, indigestion and biliousness. J. K. Jones.

Dandruff is an exudation from the pores of the skin that spreads and dries, forming scurf and causing the hair to fall out. Hall's Hair Renewer cures it.

The State Journal's Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.

At the French Bakery.

Home-made mince pies. We make our own mince meat. 815 Kansas avenue.

Ayer's Hair Vigor invigorates the scalp, cures dandruff and itching. An elegant dressing.

We put on new neckbands on shirts. Peerless Steam Laundry, 114 and 116 West Eighth street.

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617 Kansas Ave. **S. D. Barnum & Co.** 619 Kansas Ave.

Fifty dozen Ladies' Fall weight Jersey Ribbed Vests, silver-grey color. Price would be reasonable at 50c.

Tomorrow 35c Or 3 for \$1.

Specials in Skirts. Blk. Satine Quilted Skirts reduced from \$1.28 to 88c.

Heavy Flannel Skirts from \$1.25 to 88c.

Fine Black Satine Skirts from \$1.75 to \$1.35.

Very fine Satine Skirts from \$2.50 to \$1.68.

You cannot make them at these prices.

Dress Goods REMNANTS

Comprising plain and fancy wears of many kinds, will be collected together for your selection, and if you can find something to please you in this stock, and we think you can, you can save from one-third to one-half at least.

Ladies' Cream Colored extra heavy Jersey Ribbed Vests, of finest Egyptian cotton, good value at 60c.

Tomorrow 47c.

More Yachting Caps

Boys and Girls, old and young, wear them, worth 35 40c.

TOMORROW 23c. Clothing Department.

Nickel Plated Dressing Combs, actually worth 20c.

TOMORROW 12c.

Men's Fine Black Hose

These fine Imported 40-Gauge Hermsdorf Dyed Hose, worth fully 25 to 35c, we will sell

Tomorrow 20c. 3 pair for 50c. Clothing Room.

Gents Tennis Shirts

New arrivals. All Dark and Medium styles of Tennis Flannels. Made in plain and pleated bosoms, large, full sizes.

50 cts. Cheap at 65c. Clothing Room.

Before you buy your Suits or Overcoats we would like to show you those we are selling at \$8, \$10, \$12.50 and \$15. They more than hold their own against any and every competition.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the River.

M. F. Kingsolver of Osawatomie is visiting relatives here.

Take your prescriptions to A. J. Arnold & Son, 621 Kan. Ave. Established 1870.

Ira C. Williams has sold eighty acres of land near Meadok to E. C. Rustle, for \$50 an acre.

Dr. Pratt from the western part of the state, came in to attend the marriage of his brother. He will remain some days.

Ferdinand H. Wyman of Boston, is attending the meeting of the Santa Fe directors, and looking after his large property interests here at the same time.

Blue post G. A. R. will hold its regular meeting tonight. An entertainment on a grand scale is to be arranged for. It is expected to occur about the 9th of next month.

Ralph Wilson is in from Colorado visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilson. He will not return to Colorado, but will go to work in Texas for the same employers.

T. M. James is making some improvements on his Topeka avenue property.

A complete line of homeopathic remedies at A. J. Arnold & Son's.

Andy Wise, who lives near the Hime-Klin, had a dog which showed symptoms of hydrophobia some time ago. Not much was thought of it and the dog went away. Wednesday he came back and was snapping at everything that came near him. He bit Mrs. Wise, but being old his teeth were poor and did not penetrate the flesh. Mr. Wise's little boy threw some water on him, and he immediately went into convulsions. There being no further doubt that the dog was mad, J. W. Smith who happened to be there at the time, shot him.

A tramp called at the home of W. H.

Ladies' Silk Taffeta Gloves, in black and colors. Actual value 50c.

We will close them out **Tomorrow at 30c.**

100 dozen assorted fancy Dress Buttons, all of them splendid qualities and styles ranging from 50c to \$1.00 a dozen. We offer you the choice at

25c A Dozen.

Best quality American Indigo Blue Prints; quality guaranteed. Patterns all of the best, worth 61c.

Tomorrow 43c.

We have been appointed selling agents for a splendid make of Cream Ointment Toilet Soap.

You cannot buy as good a quality under 10c a cake.

We will sell you a box containing 3 cakes for

12c a box.

Boys' Knee Protectors, in Jersey Cloth and Leather. Just the thing to save your boys stockings.

25c.

Some goods are hard to get at present, and we are fortunate in receiving some very choice CLOAKINGS which we will place on sale tomorrow at popular prices.

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ROCK ISLAND ROUTE.

EXCURSION ANNOUNCEMENT.

Harvest Excursion.

On November 8th, we will sell harvest excursion tickets to all points in Texas, and all points in New Mexico, on the Rock Island Valley road, and to Deming, at one lowest first class fare, plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Stop-overs allowed within the limit in both directions. Limit of tickets twenty days from date of sale.

Dallas, Tex., and Return.

On October 29th and November 2nd, with transit limit of two days in each direction, and good returning November 10th, we will sell round trip tickets to Dallas, Tex., on account of the state fair and Dallas exposition, at \$15.50. We have absolutely the best and shortest route to all Texas points, with unequalled accommodations.

H. O. GARVEY, Agt., 601 Kansas avenue.

Peerless Steam Laundry — Peerless Steam Laundry.

Deering Reaper Warehouse Burns.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—One of the large warehouses of the Wm. Deering reaper works was burned today. The loss was \$100,000; insured.

A tramp called at the home of W. H.

Wood yesterday and knocked at the door. There was no one home but Mrs. Wood and she did not make great haste to open the door. The tramp evidently thought there was no one at home and seeing the family washing on the line, seized all of Mr. Wood's shirts in sight and stuffed them under his arm. Mrs. Wood appeared about this time and demanded that he drop them. He denied having anything. She called an imaginary dog, and the tramp ran. Pursuit was instituted and joined in by the entire neighborhood but he got away.

To Ship Lumber to South Africa.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 26.—The Ross McLaren Lumber company has contracted to ship 100,000,000 feet of lumber to South Africa. The contract has to be completed within a year and will give a boom to the industry here which has long been depressed.

Baring Liquidation Extended.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—In its financial article this morning the Times announces the Baring liquidation will be extended over another year, when it is expected it will be terminated. The liabilities are now reduced to about 1,700,000 pounds.

That Husband of Yours...

Needs ENGRAVED VISITING CARDS. Send him some and of course you take him along with you sometimes. If he has a long way coming, surprise him with a set. They cost \$5.00. If he has no plate, or \$10.00 if he has one. We give you positively the latest fashionable size and 'thickened'.

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